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	P	Notification of Transmittal of the International Search Report or the Declaration (PCT Rule 44.1) mailed October 6, 2005, re International Application No. PCT/US2004/025565.5, 5 pages	Date Mailed 10/06/2005
	Q	Sharma et al., "WDM Ring Network Using a Centralized Multiwavelength Light Source and Add-Drop Multiplexing Filters," IEEE, vol. 15, no. 6, June 1997	June 1997

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